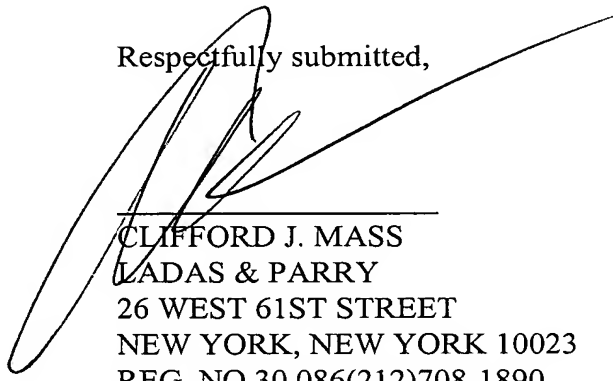


REMARKS

The above amendatory action is taken in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed 5 November 2004 to clarify that claim 18 is **not** canceled.

An early and favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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